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LETTER DATED 14 OCTOBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government I wish to inform you that United States aircraft have continued to violate Iraqi airspace as follows:

I

1. United States aircraft have continued to violate Iraqi airspace for the purpose of observation and provocation. On 10 October 1991, their air activity amounted to 26 sorties flown by 12 two-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at a speed of 750 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 18,000 metres. It was concentrated over the areas of Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Tall'afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

2. At 1340 hours on the same day, two F-16s overflew Firnas airfield at a speed of 750 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 1,000 metres. At 1746 hours an F-111 overflew the same airfield at a speed of 500 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 1,500 metres. At 1430 hours on the same day, two F-16s overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 300 metres.

II

1. On 11/12 October 1991, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for the purpose of observation and provocation by means of 36 sorties flown by 18 formations at speeds of 600 to 750 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 10,000 kilometres.

2. Air activity was concentrated over the areas of Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Dukan, Ayn Zalah, Rawanduz and Amadiyah.

3. At 0852 hours, a formation consisting of two F-16s overflew Faruq airfield at a low altitude and at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour, and at 0915 hours, two aircraft of the above-mentioned type overflew Firnas airfield at a low altitude also.

III

1. On 12/13 October 1991, United States air activity in Iraqi airspace amounted to 36 sorties flown by 17 two-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at speeds of 480 to 1,000 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 600 to 6,000 metres. The purpose was observation and provocation, and the flights were concentrated over the areas of Amadiyah, Zakho, Ayn Zalah and Rawanduz.

2. At 1205 hours on the same day, a Mirage F-1 overflew Faruq airfield at an altitude of 20 metres and at a speed of 700 kilometres per hour.

3. At 1425 hours on the same day, two F-16s overflew Faruq airfield at an altitude of 100 metres and at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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